

OIL SHALE NEWS

The Government approved the Power Engineering Development Plan of Estonian electricity sector

The new Power Engineering Development Plan of Estonian electricity sector was approved by the Estonian Government on 26 February, 2009 (Regulation of Government No 74).

According to the development plan, the energy supply should be more diversified in Estonia in the future and more different sources of energy should be used as compared to the current situation. The development plan provides for the reconstruction of electrical energy production in Estonia within the next 10–15 years. While 60% of energy is currently produced from oil shale, in 15 years the proportion of oil shale should remain below 30%. For that purpose, the combined heat and power production should be expanded from the existing level of 200 MW to 300 MW by 2014, and two more blocks with the total capacity of 600 MW should be reconstructed in Narva oil shale power plants applying fluidized bed technology. Also the capacity of windmills should be increased to 900 MW together with the required capacity reserves, and the construction of a nuclear power station in Estonia is planned by 2023.

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